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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This subject Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in connection with applicants' continuing duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56.

Listing of Relevant Documents

The relevant documents are listed in the attached Form PTO-1449.

Remarks

The listed references are the English abstract of the references submitted with applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed June 15, 2000.

The previously filed references were not available in English. Applicants herewith submit English abstracts to provide a concise explanation of the relevance of the references for the examiner.

DE 16 26 641 is not available still not available in English. Applicants have had claim 1 reviewed and an explanation of the relevance of the document is hereby attached.

Applicants hereby submit this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement to provide the examiner with the English translations and thereby a more concise explanation of the relevance of the previously submitted references. The original references were filed prior to issuance of the first office action and applicants therefore believe no additional fee should be necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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DE 16 29 641 (claim 1) Parteriors to the following:

A flexible resin laminate comprising at least a fibrous layer, such as paper, impregnated with a heat setting resin, which is laminated and pressed together with another layer of porous material, whereby the heat setting resin is allowed to penetrate into the pores, thereby heat setting and improving the connection of both layers. Additionally, the laminate may also comprise a thermoplastic film, whereby the thermoplastic material also penetrates into the pores of the layer of porous material. The thermoplastic polymer is described to be PVC (polyvinyl chloride).